Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Richard Hillestad and Virginia Seas exchanged their wedding vows on August 2, 1960, at Brookings, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Richard and Virginia gave life and love to 6 children, Theresa, Pam, Sheila, Mike, Julie, and Craig who in turn blessed them with 16 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Richard was employed by Burlington Northern for over 30 years and now is a part-time delivery driver for North American Wholesale Florists, while Virginia has worked at the hardware store in Garretson for over 30 years and is still employed part-time; and,

Whereas, Richard enjoys woodworking and Virginia sews when they are not traveling and spending time with their family; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Richard and Virginia have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 2, 2010, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State